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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence Subcommittee on Program and
Budget Orientation Briefings on FBI Intelligence
and Counterintelligence Activities, Department
of Defense Counterintelligence Activities,
State Department Intelligence Activities and
Department of Energy Intelligence Activities

5X1 1. ☐ On 19 January, the Program and Budget
Authorization Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence was briefed by the FBI, State
Department, and Department of Energy and their respective
intelligence activities and by the FBI and Department of
Defense on their counterintelligence activities.

5X1 2. ☐ The Subcommittee Members present were:
Subcommittee Chairman, Bill D. Burlison (D., Mo.),
Norman Y. Mineta (D., Calif.) and J. Kenneth
Robinson (R., Va.). Also present was Committee
Chairman, Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.); and Committee
Members Romano L. Mazzoli (D., Ky.) and Charles Rose (D., N.Car.)
were also present part of the time.

5X1 3. ☐ Committee staff present were:

Jim Bush
Duane Andrews
Marty Fega
Dick Giza
Annette Smiley
Pat Long
Mike O'Neil

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5X1 4. [] Witnesses and agenda were as shown in the attachment.

5X1 5. [] The following items of interest occurred during these briefings:

5X1 a. [] FBI Intelligence: Mr. Burlison asked the FBI to submit a definition of domestic intelligence for the record, saying that the Subcommittee was having some difficulty in determining just where their jurisdiction should stop. Mr. Mineta asked who besides the Attorney General monitors the FBI to assure that they obey the law. Response was internal Justice Department audit and the General Accounting Office.

5X1 b. [] FBI Counterintelligence: The FBI witnesses said that because of U.S. policies permitting free entry to the U.S. by foreign nationals, their counter-intelligence task is made more difficult. They suggested tightening up on issuances of visas and a more restrictive immigration procedure plus quotas on visiting and permanent exchanges. They also complained about port callers []

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5X1 d. [] State Intelligence: The principal task of State intelligence was described as producing a daily current intelligence report for the Secretary. Mr. Burlison said it looked like they had too many boxes on their organization chart.

Mr. Robinson stated that the policy involvement of INR makes them somewhat different from CIA and the FBI, and suggested that maybe not all of INR was a

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House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concern. Mr. Rose asked about State's participation in the Community Online Information System. Rose said many intelligence agencies don't put information into this system and don't use it and he hopes to find out why. The witness was not prepared to discuss it.

5X1 e. [] Energy Intelligence: The witnesses described Department of Energy intelligence functions ranging from the production of current intelligence on a daily basis for the Secretary of Energy, to

[] They also provide assessments for the Secretary's use in carrying out his statutory responsibilities regarding export of nuclear materials.

Mr. Mineta asked of DoE will be represented in the National Intelligence Tasking Center. Witnesses said they did not know how NITC would be organized.

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Attachment

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